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SUBJ: AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY GRANTS
CUBANA PROVISIONAL LICENSE FOR FLIGHTS TO AFRICA

REF: BRIDGETOWN 1671 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. THE BARBadian AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY
ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY (SEPTEMBER 20) THAT IT HAD GRANTED
CUBANA A PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO OPERATE SCHEDULED
SERVICES BETWEEN BARBADOS AND FREETOWN. (NO DOUBT THE
FLIGHTS WILL CONTINUE ON TO LUANDA.) THOUGH CUBANA HAD
ASKED FOR A FIVE-YEAR LICENSE, THE ONE GRANTED WAS FOR
THREE
MONTHS ONLY (LIKE THOSE HELD BY AMERICAN AND
EASTERN AIRLINES). IT WAS UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT THE
LICENSE WOULD BE RENEWED WHEN IT EXPIRED UNTIL ATLA MADE
A FINAL DECISION.

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2. COMMENT: IN BRIDGETOWN 1591, WE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT,

WHICHEVER PARTY GAINED POWER IN THE THEN IMMINENT GENERAL ELECTION, THE TREND TO ENLARGE CONTACT WITH CUBA WOULD CONTINUE. ATLA'S ACTION IS EVIDENCE THAT, IF THERE HAS BEEN NO MOVEMENT IN CUBA'S DIRECTION, NEITHER HAS THERE BEEN ANY AWAY FROM IT. PERHAPS, HOWEVER, IT SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE AS AN INDICATION OF THE ADAMS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY SINCE ATLA IS STILL OPERATING WITH A BOARD APPOINTED BY THE FORMER GOVERNMENT.

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